

Waterworks Board Report

March 2005

- **SAB** The Service Advisory Board did not meet quorum requirements. An informal discussion ensued. A proposed water tank painting standard was presented for discussion. IW presented the 2005 budget cycle explanation to the SAB plus a schedule that would address events necessary for a capital bond to be issued in late 2005. The proposed schedule might allow the IW Board to not only pass in November the 2006 operating and normal capital budget it may also be possible to combine the bond projects for simultaneous approval as well. If this combined event can be managed, everyone should have a very good appreciation for the overall amount of work that is contemplated to commence in 2006.
- **TAG** The Technical Advisory Group met in January. VWI senior management members briefed the TAG regarding the Williams Creek Dam incident, the canal dredging near the intake to the White River Water Treatment Plant, and planned beautification for portions of the central canal. The bulk of the meeting was given to a productive discussion by the work group members of appropriate considerations the water utility should make along with all other appropriate government agencies upon discovery of information about the presence of toxin-producing blue-green algae. The focal question for the work group was: "What are the decision steps and action steps from discovery of the presence of toxin-producing blue-green algae through resolution of problem?" The TAG Algal Control Work Group agreed it is unlikely that algal toxin concentrations in an open reservoir operating under normal summer conditions could be large enough to be of drinking water concern in treated finished water.
- **CAG** The Citizen's Advisory Group did not meet in March.
- **IURC** No scheduled IW activity.
- **IUPPS** Actions taken by the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Services (IUPPS) board in February relieved the need for a legislative act to satisfy the wants of groups such as Conservancy Districts. In March, the IUPPS Board met for its 23rd Annual Meeting and election of officers. Mr. Curry of Indianapolis Water was elected for a three year term and was appointed chair of the Board development Committee. The IUPPS call center now has implemented a disaster recovery plan such that services can be continued even if the call center located near Greenwood were to be destroyed. This plan was developed last year and put into effect within a matter of months. The total volume of tickets has decreased over the past three years from about 5.2 million to almost 4.3 million. The number of tickets per incoming call has also decreased. However, with the law that took effect last fall, membership has risen from 451 to 780 memberships in Indiana. As an aside, it was noted during the meeting that when the call center was activated on October 5, 1981, the first call was received after five minutes. The call was from the Indianapolis Water Company.

- **Plainfield** A new proposal has been offered by the town of Plainfield for IW Board consideration. The major question yet to be resolved concerns how best to meet terms of the water purchase contract entered in by IWC and acquired by IW as part of the water works purchase.
- **Lawrence** No additional activity since last month.
- **Darlington** Legal activity continues. An appraisal is needed. Staff is taking steps to have a proper appraisal completed. One City County Council member has indicated a willingness to consider sponsoring the appropriate ordinance when its time comes.
- **Water Tank Painting** A name and logo painting standard was developed in response to direction from the IW Board. Recommendations for lettering font, relative size, color and consideration for logos were developed. These recommendations are being presented, as a resolution, to the Board for its deliberation, amendment or adoption.
- **Area Rate Program** . A table showing the area rate program status follows:

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>		<u>COST</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>Potential</u>
			<u>ESTIMATE</u>		<u>Custom</u>
	<u>County</u>	<u>Township</u>			
Ralston Rd., Hayworth Rd., & Cox Rd.	Marion	Decatur	\$ 904,152.00	Declined	58
Itaton Rd., Wanda St., & Ashley Rd.	Morgan	Madison	Unknown	Declined	Unknown
Redfern Dr., 2409-2901	Marion	Franklin	\$ 82,229.00	Installed	8
Coburn Ave., - Knollton Rd., 6000-6200	Marion	Washington	\$ 315,453.00	Proposed	85
Sherman Dr. S., & Banta Rd.	Marion	Perry	\$ 80,024.00	Proposed	12
Morgan Dr., Shelby St., & Elbert St.	Marion	Perry	Pending	Potential	27

- **Shelby County** Work continues on the main extension to Triton Schools. The main installation is proceeding very close to plan and is projected to be finished on schedule. The school district's final contribution in aid of capital is scheduled for receipt during the month following hook-up to the school. The Shelby county growth management program continues essentially on schedule. A consultant has been selected to assist the vision committee during its next steps.
- **Relay Towers** A request to construct a relay tower on the Tom Moses Water Treatment Plant site has been received. This tower is for a cellular telephone company. A fifty by fifty foot plot with access for maintenance and operations is required. Additional site needs information has been received from the requestor.

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